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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars.

RESERVE FUND, 1,000,000 Dollars.

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HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum,

" 6 " 4 per cent. "

" 12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,

No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, February 27, 1878.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

RATES of Interest allowed on Deposits.

At 3 months' notice 3% per annum.

" 6 " 4% "

" 12 " 5% "

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Hongkong, July 1, 1878.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £300,000.

RESERVE FUND, £150,000.

BANKERS,

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH IN HONGKONG grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum,

" 6 " 4 per cent. "

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THE CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON AND CHINA.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

CAPITAL, £750,000.

RESERVE FUND, £151,500,10.

BANKERS,

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK.

RATES of Interest allowed on Fixed Deposits.

For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. "

" 12 " 5 per cent. "

Besides conducting general Exchange Business, the Bank discounts local bills payable in Hongkong, and makes advances on approved Banking Securities.

Present Rate of Discount for approved short sight acceptance, 6% per annum.

Rates for Advances, according to terms required, may be ascertained on application.

H. H. NELSON, Manager.

Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

EX-LATE ARRIVALS.

CHUBB'S CASH and DEED BOXES.

RODGERS & SONS' Celebrated CUTLERY.

MAPPIN, BEGGS' GENTS' DRESSING CASES.

WATERLOW'S & DE LA RUE'S STATIONERY.

BILLIARD CLOTHS, and BILLIARD CHALK.

BILLIARD CUE CEMENT and TIPS.

TABLE GLASSWARE & CROCKERY.

BRUSH-WARE of all Kinds.

ALBUMS.

NOVELS, SCHOOL BOOKS, PRESENTATION BOOKS, &c.

FINE KENT HOPS.

MALT.

CARBOLIC ACID.

CAUSTIC SODA.

CHLORIDE OF LIME.

CROSSE & BLACKWELL'S CELEBRATED HOUSEHOLD STORES.

California SODA CRACKERS.

Family PIG PORK in kegs.

Family MEAT BEEF in kegs.

Compressed CORNED BEEF.

Compressed OX TONGUES.

Compressed HAM.

BARCELONA and PEANUTS,

&c., &c., &c.

TEYSSONNEAU'S FRUITS, in BRANDY,

NOYEAU, and JUICE.

French JAMS and JELLIES.

" O. K." BOURBON WHISKY

(Bottled by L. A. & Co.)

Bass's ALE, in pints and qts., bottled by CAMERON and Saunders.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, in pints and qts., bottled by E. & J. Burks.

BARCLAY & PERKINS' PORTER, in Kilkerkin and Heds.

CLARET, in Cask, &c., &c., &c.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO., Hongkong, July 19, 1878.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,

the 6th August, 1878, at 2 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road,

A Small Selection of CHINESE and JAPANESE CURIOS, the Property of a well-known Collector.

Consisting of: Old Porcelain Vases, Dishes, Plates, &c., &c. A fine selection of Chin-chew Ware, including some unique Specimens, Bronzes, Nitchikis, &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole will be on view on and after Monday, the 5th August.

TERMS of SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at Purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, July 30, 1878.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from H. M. Naval Storekeeper, to sell by Public Auction, on

WEDNESDAY,

the 7th August, 1878, at 11 a.m., at H. M. Naval Yard.

Sundry Condemed Naval and Victualling STORES, comprising:-

Old Wrought Iron, Hoses, Glass, Rags, Boots, Biscuit Dust, Chocolate, Peas, Tobacco.

Flannel, Duck, Serge, Shoes.

Library Books, Implements, &c., &c.

And,

I Iron Lathe.

TERMS of SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7. The Lot or Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Government Auctioneer.

Hongkong, July 26, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on the Premises, at Noon, on

TUESDAY,

the 20th of August next.

All the VALUABLE LAND, HOUSES, &c., &c., situated at the Port of TAMSIU, FORMOSA, and known as the PAOUI-SHUN PROPERTY, in TWO LOTS.

Lot 1 consisting of GODOWNS, DWELLING HOUSE, GARDENS, STABLING &c., &c.

Lot 2 a plot of UPLAND GROUND very suitable for building purposes.

For particulars of property, and terms of sale, apply to

ELLES & CO.,

Agents.

Tamshui, July 1878.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

LADIES' and GENTLEMEN'S RIDING WHIPS.

CARBOLIC ACID, the best disinfectant.

PORCELAIN ICE PITCHE.

KILLER'S DUNDEE MARMALADE.

FOSTER'S Bottled ALE and STOUT.

VEYRON'S CAFETERIES.

BASS's ALE and GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by Foster.

French JAMS.

SCOTCH OATMEAL.

## For Sale.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THIS REFINERY MANUFACTURES

LOAF SUGAR, (in 5, 10, and 16 lbs.)

CUT LOAF SUGAR.

CUBE SUGAR (Lyle's Patent).

CRYSTALLIZED SUGAR, mark C. S. R.

(in diamond) 4 ILL.

Fine WHITE SUGAR, mark C. S. R.

(in diamond) 4 ILL.

Medium WHITE SUGAR, mark C. S. R.

(in diamond) 4 ILL.

Fine YELLOW SUGAR, mark C. S. R.

(in diamond) 4 ILL.

COFFEE SUGAR, mark G. S. R.

(in diamond) 4 ILL.

GOLDEN SYRUP, SYRUP, and

MOLASSES.

SPIRITS OF WINE and LAMP SPIRIT.

RUM, 45°, 30°, O. P., and Naval.

ANIMAL CHARCOAL and DUST.

AMMONIACAL LIQUOR, from Bones.

BONE TAR (a preventive of white ants.)

ROUGH BONE TALLOW.

Packed in Quantities and Packages to suit Customers.

Particulars and Prices on application to THE MANAGER,

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LIMITED,

East Point, Hongkong.

March 5, 1878.

FOR SALE.

COKE and TAR in Quantities to suit Purchasers, at CHEAP RATES.

Apply to GAS COMPANY,

West Point,

Hongkong, June 10, 1878.

FOR SALE.

TWO AMERICAN and ONE ENGLISH Second-hand BILLIARD TABLES, with BALLS, CUES, LAMPS, &amp;c., Complete.

Apply to D. NOWROOZEE,

Hongkong Hotel,

Hongkong, July 11, 1878.

NOTICES TO Consignees.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Arratoon Azoor*, Captain A. B. MACAVISH, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding her discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DAVID SASOON, SONS &amp; Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 2, 1878.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Moray* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

JARDINE, MATHESON &amp; Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 2, 1878.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNNEES of Cargo by the American Bark "BENEFATOR," from New York, are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

RUSSELL &amp; Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 2, 1878.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNNEES.

CONSIGNNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire insurance has been effected.

H. du POUHEY, Agent.

Ex "Amazone."

TH 1644, Mr. L. Thévenin, from 1 case Ink.

Ex "P. H."

B No. 410/21 Order, 16 Cases from Wine.

Hongkong, July 27, 1878.

To-day's Advertisements.



HONGKONG VOLUNTEERS.

ORDERLY ROOM, 5th August, 1878.

1.—Unless otherwise notified, the PADES for this month will be the SAME as for LAST Month. ALL Members are requested to attend on WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS, on the VOLUNTEER PADE GROUND.

2.—The following APPOINTMENTS are notified for information:—

"A" BATTERY.—To be Sergeant's:—No. 18 Gunner J. A. Motley, No. 81 Gunner G. H. Wringrove. To be Corporals:—No. 10 Gunner W. Dunn, No. 11 Gunner B. Goldsmith, No. 21 Gunner D. C. Travers, No. 38 Gunner W. H. F. Darby, No. 32 Gunner F. Machado, No. 58 Gunner J. McCullum, No. 109 Gunner J. M. Emmanuel.

"B" BATTERY To be Sergeants:—No. 113 Gunner W. E. Whitehead, No. 74 J. Keating. To be Corporals:—No. 40 Gunner W. E. H. Dunn, No. 68 Gunner C. S. Haden, No. 76 Gunner J. R. McDonald, No. 83 Gunner J. Williamson, No. 84 Gunner A. C. Reddie.

The Infantry Company will be attached to "A" Battery for the present Quarter.

(Signed) T. G. DEMPSTER,

Captain 2nd Regiment, Commandant H. N. Y.

## To-day's Advertisements.

## SAYLE &amp; Co.

## VICTORIA EXCHANGE.

OUR ANNUAL SALE of SURPLUS SUMMER STOCK will Commence on WEDNESDAY, August 7th, and be Continued for 28 DAYS ONLY.

MAGNIFICENT FANCY SILKS, Reduced to \$1.00 per Yard.

PLAIN COLOURED FRENCH SILKS, 65 Cents.

BEST QUALITY JAPANESE SILKS, 50 "

FANCY GRENADINE DRESS GOODS.

WHITE MUSLIN DRESS GOODS.

COLOURED MUSLIN DRESS GOODS.

LAWNS, HOLLANDS, GINGHAM.

At Greatly Reduced Prices.

COTTON and THREAD HOSE,

HANDKERCHIEFS,

COLLARS and CUFFS,

At about Half Price.

Trimmed and Untrimmed HATS and BONNETS,

FEATHERS, FLOWERS, LACE GOODS,

At less than Cost Price.

A Lot of HANDSOMELY TRIMMED French and English-made UNDER-LINEN, at One Quarter of former Prices.

A Lot of CORSETS, Best-made and Shape, quite perfect at \$1.50.

15,000 Yards of REMNANTS, Comprising FLANNELS, PRINTS, CALICOES, &c., &c., at ridiculously low prices.

A few Baskets of RIBBON REMNANTS, marked Exceedingly Cheap.

This EXTRAORDINARY SALE will terminate on September 1st.

DRESS-MAKING and MILLINERY will be carried on as usual during the Sale.

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SAYLE &amp; Co., VICTORIA EXCHANGE.

## NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship

"TANIA'S"

Commandant la MARCELLE, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA on

TUESDAY, the 6th Instant, at 6 a.m.

H. du POUHEY, Agent.

Hongkong, August 5, 1878.

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PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship

"DJEMNAH"

Commandant Moncey, will be despatched for SHANGHAI on

TUESDAY, the 6th Instant, at 4.30 p.m.

H. du POUHEY, Agent.

Hongkong, August 5, 1878.

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"TANIA'S"

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WEDNESDAY, the 7th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK &amp; Co.

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side. The launch had therefore to go and find the steamer, and, having obtained the mails, to return; which operations occupied an hour and a half. The delay, which was in a measure unavoidable, was very nearly made up by the prompt manipulation of the mails when once inside the Post Office.

Quarrel an excitement was created at the Police Court this morning owing to a report having been circulated amongst the Chinese that a person was under arrest of whose sex there was some doubt. The surroundings of the Police Court were crowded with Chinese from all parts of the Island, and it was not until they had been assured by the Chinese interpreters and Lukong, that there was really no foundation for the report, that they could be induced to disperse. So far as we can understand, this excitement was due to a woman having been found on the hill-side at Stanley or Sow-ki-wan, who appeared to be labouring under a delusion. One report said she had been drugged by a Chinese practitioner, who had made her swear secrecy—but however this may be, she declared to the constable that she had been suddenly transformed from a woman into a man; and this, she persisted, was a solemn fact. The poor woman had been married four years ago, but her husband refused to live with her owing to her eccentricities. She has left the Colony, we believe, for the North. The story, foolish as it may appear, is a most apt illustration of the ready manner in which the natives become agitated over the most absurd statements imaginable.

A CORRESPONDENT, writing to us from near Port Said, on 26th June, says:—"I take this my only chance to let you know how the tea steamers have been doing. The Glenraggs was of course first to arrive, and as I told you she would, has shown that she is in reality faster than the Loudoun Castle. The passage from Acheen Head to Suez has been much more unfavourable than last year—the winds strong ahead all the way, while the Easterly currents averaged upwards of 24 miles per day, which was of course against all of us. I find that Captain Wilson (Glenraggs) reports the same thing; he had to go into Aden for coal. The pilot who is now taking us through the Canal took both the Loudoun Castle and Glenraggs through, and he assures me that both had met with bad weather between Acheen Head and Cape Guardafui. The Ocean King has not yet arrived at Suez, so a telegram informs me. I believe the Glenraggs will be home before the Glenraggs yet, and I hope her tea may go to a good market. I enclose the times of the various boats: they were all got from officials at Singapore and Suez."

"By the by, we passed close to Cap Guardafui at 6 a.m. on the 19th, but could see no wrecks though I learn one nearly came to grief there lately. The Garonne, one of the Australian mail steamers from Melbourne, ran on shore not very far from where the Meikong was lost, and after being there four days got off. I believe the wind died away shortly after she struck, and the water continued smooth till she got off again. Two passengers were drowned in trying to land, and the 2nd officer and eight men started for Aden in a boat to try and get assistance, but I fear the poor fellows are all lost, as they never reached the port; they may have got on shore somewhere in the Gulf of Aden short of provisions. Subsequently rescued by Captain Sturrock of the Brit. steamer Merionethshire.—Ed. C.M.] There were about 500 people all told in that steamer. Had the same set been running when she was on shore as when we passed a few days ago, she could not have lasted many hours. A sea broke on board of us off the Cape and filled our stoke-hole and anti-pits, besides finding its way into all the officers' cabins, &c. The Garonne was going easy when she struck; she is a larger steamer than any of the Messengers. I noticed two gunboats at anchor about 80 miles west of Guardafui; perhaps surveying. In order to get a place for the lighthouse spoken of: I earnestly hope they were."

## THE TEA-LADEN STEAMERS.

ARRIVAL AT AND DEPARTURE FOR SINGAPORE.  
GLENRAGGS.—From Foochow 7 days 10 hours, 20 min.; arrived in Roads 10.20 p.m., 27th May; alongside Wharf 1 a.m. 28th; coaled by 6.15 a.m., sailed 4.45 a.m. the 28th.

BLAISDELL CASTLE.—From Foochow 7 days; arrived at Wharf 1st May; coaled and sailed 11 p.m. 31st May.

GLENZEE.—From Hankow 7 days 8 hours; arrived in Roads 1 a.m. 1st June; alongside Wharf 6 a.m. 1st; coaled and sailed 11 a.m. 1st June.

LOUDOUN CASTLE.—From Hankow 7 days 20½ hours from Woosung; arrived alongside Wharf 10.30 a.m. 1st p.m. 3rd June.

GLENWALLOCH.—From Foochow 7 days 8 hours; arrived alongside Wharf 12.30 p.m. 4th June, coaled at 6 p.m. and sailed 8 p.m. 4th June.

FINTACHIN.—From Foochow 10 days; arrived 1.30 p.m. 4th June, and sailed at 8.15 p.m. 4th June.

GLENARTNEY.—From Hankow 7 days 18 hours and 80 min. from Woosung; arrived alongside Wharf 1.30 p.m. 5th June, coaled and sailed at 8 p.m. 5th June.

BERYL AT SUEZ FROM SINGAPORE.  
Time. Date and Time of  
days, hrs. min. Arrival.

Glenrathney.....21 7 6...18th July 1.30 p.m.

Braemar Castle.....18 8 12...18th July 2.20 p.m.

Loudoun Castle.....18 11 12...22nd July 6.15 p.m.

Glenartney.....19 16 0...26th July 0.50 p.m.

SHIPPING IN AMY ON 1ST AUGUST.—Augustine Heimers, Carl Ludwig, Catharine, Emily, Friedrich Perthes, Frohlich, Gordon Castle, Nadeschda, Parmonio.

Alfred, Chinese g-boy, H.M.S. Swinger, U.S.S.

Alert, Chinese g-boy, Fei Liuc, H.M.S.

Gloway.

The Band and Pipes, 7th Highlanders, and in the meantime, signals were sent for a doctor, and a messenger sent on shore for the same purpose. Strange to say Martin, who was the first man to go down the hold, revived, as did also Spenser, the man who had been the means of getting the bodies out of the hold, and had sunk exhausted with his effort. These two were at once sent on shore to the Hospital. The doctor came on board a little before 3 p.m., and after examining the bodies pronounced Montgomery, Granstrand, Tiansen and the Chinaman quite dead. The cargo in the hold consisted of mangrove bark, pepper, and tin. The officials came on board at 6 p.m., and secured some of the gas for the purpose of analysis. Just before the Elgin left they pronounced the foul air to be composed of pure carbonic acid gas, caused by the pepper and mangrove bark being shipped in a damp state. Lights were put down in the hold, but were extinguished almost immediately, and later on a bucket half full of kerosene oil was set on fire and lowered into the hold, with the same result, as soon as it got below the combings of the hatch. A fowl was put down the hold, and dropped dead instantaneously; but three hours later a light was put down, and found to burn brightly, and an experiment with another fowl was equally successful. The hatches were put on for the night for fear of rain, and two fowls left in the hold to take their chance of life or death. They were found to be as lively as crickets, however, when the hatches were removed. Great care had to be taken in removing the cargo this morning, and every precaution was taken to prevent a recurrence of such a catastrophe. It has, however, been successfully removed, the pepper being found hot and steaming, while the bark was in a rotten state.

Below we give the result of the official enquiry at Saigon.

COURT OF INQUIRY HELD AT SAIGON ON THE 29TH JULY 1878—FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING THE CAUSES OF THE CALAMITY WHICH OCCURRED ON BOARD THE S. S. ELGIN ON THE 27TH INST.

THIS COURT IS CALLED UNDER CLAUSE 9 OF SECTION 260 OF THE MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT, WHICH READS: "WHENEVER THE INTEREST OF THE OWNER OF ANY BRITISH SHIP OR OF THE CARGO OF ANY SUCH SHIP SHALL APPEAR TO SUCH OFFICER TO REQUIRE IT."

COURT IS COMPOSED OF CHAS. F. TREMELTT, H. M. CONNELL (PRESIDENT); CAPTAIN D. WATERSON, MARINE SURVEYOR; CAPTAIN W. HYDE, BRITISH S. S. PERNAMBUCO; CAPTAIN H. STRETTON, BRITISH S. S. PAKHAM.

THE ENTRY IN THE OFFICIAL LOG BOOK WAS READ—AND A COPY OF IT IS ENCLOSED HEREWITHE. IT APPEARS THAT A CHINESE STEVEDORE FIRST WENT INTO THE HOLD AND IMMEDIATELY FELL DOWN. JOHN MARTIN, A. B., WENT TO HIS ASSISTANCE, THEN TO HIM WENT SAMUEL MONTGOMERY, N. P. GRANSTRAND, MARTIN HANSEN AND WM. SPENCER; THE FIRST AND LAST NAMED ARE NOW IN HOSPITAL IN A FAIR WAY OF RECOVERY, BUT THE OTHER THREE AND THE CHINAMAN WERE BROUGHT UP DEAD: THE WHOLE WERE SENT TO HOSPITAL, AND THE "CHEF DO SAU" WITH ASSISTANTS VISITED THE SHIP AND SECURED SOME OF THE AIR IN THE HOLD IN WHICH THESE MEN MET THEIR FATE, AS WELL AS THAT OF THE MAINHOOD WHICH ALSO APPEARED AFFLICTED, AND THEIR REPORT WILL BE MADE KNOWN, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

(SIGNED) C. F. TREMELTT,  
H. M. CONSUL,  
D. WATERSON,  
MARINE SURVEYOR,  
HENRY STRATTON,  
MASTER S. S. PAKHAM,  
W. HYDE,  
MASTER S. S. PERNAMBUCO.

[FINDING.]

IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING EVIDENCE, AND WITHOUT A REPORT FROM THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITIES REGARDING THE COMPOUNDS PART OF THE GAS OR FOUL AIR WHICH THEY HAVE NOW UNDER INSPECTION, WE COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE SHIPWASH WAS CAUSED BY THE GENERATION OF FOUL AIR FROM OR BY THE CARGO, PEPPER AND MANGROVE BARK, WHICH APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN TAKEN IN IN A WET STATE, A CIRCUMSTANCE OVER WHICH THERE WERE MARKS OF DIRTY FINGER-PRINTS. ENQUIRIES WERE MADE AFTER THE DEFENDANT, WHO IS RESPECTABLY CONNECTED, BUT HE COULD NOT BE FOUND, AND IT WAS PRESUMED HE HAD GONE TO CANTON. THE DEFENDANT WAS DISCOVERED BY MR LINSTEAD'S COMPRAVORE, AND THE COMPRAVORE ACCOMPANIED BY DEFENDANT'S FATHER TOOK HIM TO MR MAY, WHO RELUCTANTLY DREW THE DEFENDANT INTO THE CUSTODY OF HIS POLICE. MR MAY SAID HE HAD REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE DEFENDANT, WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN AN EXCELLENT CHARACTER, HAD BEEN MADE THE VICTIM OF GAMBLING.

DEFENDANT ADMITTED THE CHARGE AND SAID THAT HE BECAME INVOLVED IN A GAMBLING TRANSACTION TO THE EXTENT OF OVER \$10 AND CONSEQUENTLY PAWNED THE STUDY FOR 4 TAELS AT CANTON.

M. CREAGH REMANDED THE CASE FOR ONE WEEK.

CHARGE OF ASSAULT AND CRUELTY AGAINST BURKE, LATE 2ND MATE BRITISH BARQUE "THE FREDERICK".

MICHAEL BURKE, LATE 2ND MATE OF THE FREDERICK, WAS CHARGED ON REMAND WITH VIOLENTLY ASSAULTING A SEAMAN NAMED RAAB, BELONGING TO THE SAME VESSEL ON THE HIGH SEA: RAAB HAS SINCE DIED. THE EVIDENCE BEARING ON THIS CASE IS ALMOST IDENTICAL WITH WHAT TRANSPRIED AT THE SUMMERY JURISDICTION COURT BEFORE MR RUSSELL, AND MUST BE FRESH IN THE MINDS OF OUR READERS.

STOTTING'S (THE LATE CARPENTER) EVIDENCE AND THE EVIDENCE OF A SEAMAN NAMED JACKSON WERE TAKEN, AND THE DEFENDANT COMMITTED FOR TRIAL AT THE SUPREME COURT. THE DEFENDANT SAID HE SHOULD RESERVE HIS DEFENCE, BUT WISHED THE CAPTAIN AND CHIEF OFFICER OF THE FREDERICK TO BE BROUGHT BACK HERE AS WITNESSES FOR HIM.

CORRESPONDENCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CHINA MAIL".

HONGKONG, 5TH AUGUST 1878.

SIR.—DOES THE HEADING "FOOLS RUSH IN WHERE ANGELS FEAR TO TREAD" TO "AN OLD THESPIAN'S" LETTER IN YOUR LAST ISSUE MEAN THAT THE WRITER IS A FOOL OR AN ANGEL. AS I HAVE NEVER SEEN AN ANGEL I ALTOGETHER DOUBT THEIR EXISTENCE, BUT EVEN GRANTING IT, AS "THE OLD 'UN" RUSHES IN TO THE EXTENT OF A COLUMN, IT WOULD LOGICALLY FOLLOW THAT HE IS A FOOL. YOUR CORRESPONDENT WOULD DO WELL TO RE-PERUSE HIS EDITION, AND HE MIGHT CONDESCEND TO TELL US WHAT HE WISHED US TO INFER FROM A CONFUSED Jumble OF MEANINGLESS SENTENCES."

ALTHOUGH HE SAYS THAT ONE OF THESE DAYS HE MAY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY OF PRACTICALLY DEMONSTRATING TO YOU THE WONDERS OF MODERNISM AND ELECTRO-BIOLOGY, I AM "UNABLE TO RESIST THE CONVICTION THAT HIS SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE ON THIS SUBJECT IS AN SUPERFICIAL ONE IN COMMON-PLACE AND OBSCURE."

YOUR CORRESPONDENT CALLED THOSE WHO DIFFERED FROM HIM "IBIBALD BUFOONAS;" THE NEW ONES WRITE "BLATANT VULGARITY," LANGUAGE WHICH CLEARLY SHOWS THE REFINEMENT OF MR THESPIAN'S MIND; BUT "I AM TOO SOFT-HEARTED NOT TO SYMPATHISE WITH THE UNFORTUNATE WHOSE IGNORANCE MAY POSSIBLY BE HIS MISFORTUNE AND NOT HIS FAULT."

WHEN STUDYING MEDICINE I HAD THE ADVANTAGE (?) OF ATTENDING THE LECTURES OF OLD DR. GREGORY, THE PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY IN EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY, A WRITER AND ONE OF THE AUTHORITY OF HIS DAY ON "ANIMAL MAGNETISM," WHO, MUCH TO THE DISGUST OF THE SENATE AND THE AMUSEMENT OF THE STUDENTS, WAS CONTINUALLY INTRODUCING THE SUBJECT IN HIS CLASS. AS THEREFORE I MAY CLAIM SOME SLIGHT ACQUAINTANCE WITH WHAT IS KNOWN ON THE SUBJECT, I INTEND TO APPLY TO THE COMMITTEE OF TEMPERANCE AS WELL AS TO THE THEATRE FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF GRATIFYING MY VANITY BY APPEARING AS "THE ELECTRO-BIOLOGICAL MUSICIAN."

THAT A PERSON OF SUFFICIENT PHYSICAL AND MENTAL STRENGTH MAY PUT A WEAKER SUBJECT TO SLEEP AND HAVE A CERTAIN POWER OVER HIM WHEN IN THAT STATE, I AM QUITE PREPARED TO ADMIT, AS ONLY YESTERDAY I SUCCESSFULLY TRIED THE EXPERIMENT ON A BOY, BUT WHEN YOUR CORRESPONDENT ASSERTS "THAT THERE IS NOT ONE EDUCATED, OR FAIRLY INTELLIGENT PERSON IN HONGKONG WHO DOES NOT"

BELIEVE IN THE SCIENCE WHICH MOSNIER IMBIBED, AND WHICH NOW BEARS HIS NAME," I BELIEVE HIM TO BE COMPLETELY MISTAKEN, AND TO BE TALKING AT RANDOM. THAT THE SIGNATURE ATTACHED MAY CLEARLY INDICATE THE FEELING OF THE WRITER," I WILL CALL MYSELF, SIR.

YOURS FAITHFULLY,

ANOTHER FOOL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CHINA MAIL."

HONGKONG, 5TH AUGUST 1878.

SIR.—THE FOLLOWING APPEARS IN YOUR MORNING CONTEMPORARY OF SATURDAY:—

"WE MUST TAKE EXCEPTION, HOWEVER, TO MR 'HOLLO'S' 'PATRÉ,' AND RECOMMEND TO HIM THE MORE FAMILAR ACQUAINTANCE OF A GENTLEMAN WHO ( ), THOUGH HAVING SOME TIME SINCE JOINED THE MAJORITY ( ) WORKS ARE STILL TO BE FOUND IN THIS LAND (BY NAME MURRAY)."

IS MURRAY THE NAME OF THE LAND? COULD THE WRITER OF THIS ELEGANT SENTENCE PARSE IT?

MY I ALSO ASK THIS INTELLIGENT CRITIC WHY

DR SILVESTER'S ASSISTANT ADVISED HIS IR

BY PERMITTING THE SNOW TO EXHIBIT THE SAME

COLOURS AS THE FOUNTAIN. SEEING THAT THE COLOURED LIME LIGHTS WERE THROWN ON THE

FOUNTAIN FROM ABOVE, IT IS DIFFICULT TO UNDER-

STAND HOW THE SNOW COULD VARY IN COLOUR

FROM THE WATER.

SAYS THIS CRITIC: "WE NEVER SAW ROSE-

COLOURED SNOW, THOUGH; THE MATERIAL SHAKEN

FROM THE FIRES SHOULD HAVE HAD A WHITE, NOT

A PINK, LIGHT ON IT TO HAVE MADE IT ANYTHING

LIKE REALISTIC. THIS WAS, NO DOUBT, AN ERROR

OF ONE OF THE ASSISTANTS."

DID HE EVER SEE ROSE-COLOURED WATER IN

ITS NATURAL STATE? THE ASSISTANT MUST BE

WHAT ONE OF YOUR CORRESPONDENTS TERMS A

"PHOENIX" FOR TURNING ANY LIGHT AT ALL,

EXCEPTING A WHITE ONE, ON THE FOUNTAIN! ! !

YOURS &c., VERB. SAP.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CHINA MAIL."

HONGKONG, 5TH AUGUST 1878.

SIR.—IN THE FIRST PLACE ALLOW ME TO TELL

"OLD THESPIAN" THAT, HAVING NO TIME TO

CARRY ON A "GRAMMATICAL CONTROVERSY," I

SHALL SIMPLY REFRAIN FROM EITHER DEFENDING

MY STYLE OF COMPOSITION OR ATTACKING HIS.

I WILL TELL YOU CANDIDLY THAT, MY REASON

FOR ALLUDING TO "OLD THESPIAN" THE OTHER

NIGHT, WAS SIMPLY TO SEE IF I COULD NOT

OBTAIN SOME INFORMATION RESPECTING DR

SILVESTER'S ENTERTAINMENT, OR RATHER OF THAT

PART OF IT WHICH IS KNOWN AS THE "EN-

THANCED LADY," AND AS EVENTS SHOW MY

ENDEAVOURS HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL, THE WIDER

FIELD OF KNOWLEDGE WHICH "OLD THESPIAN'S"

TALENTS (?) COVER, ACCORDING TO HIS ESTIMATION,

WOULD, I FEEL SURE, INCLUDE MESMERISM

AND SPIRITUALISM, AND HIS LETTER OF THE 1ST INSTANT

MODESTLY (?) INFORMS THE PUBLIC THAT I WAS

RIGHT IN MY OPINION. I WOULD ADVISE

"OLD THESPIAN" TO STUDY THE HEADING OF HIS

LETTER; HE WOULD DOUBTLESS DERIVE SOME

INFORMATION FROM IT WHICH HE WOULD FIND USEFUL.

## Notices of Firms.

## NOTICE.

MR. CHARLES J. HIRST has been authorized to sign our Firm per Procurator.

HESSE & Co.  
Hongkong, July 23, 1878. aub23

## NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. EDWARD OUNNINGHAM in our Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASED on the 31st December last.

RUSSELL & Co.

China, March 8, 1878. aub8

## NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. ARTHUR CHART in our Firm CEASED on the 31st December last.

J. INGLIS & Co.

Hongkong, June 13, 1878. del3

## Intimations.

## NOTICE.

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The new Saloon Picture is unrivalled for its effects in artificial lighting, and its beautiful details, especially for Lady's EVENING DRESSES and every kind of EMBROIDERED and PLAIN WHITE DRESSES.

Hongkong, July 19, 1878. aub19

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Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness, and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG,  
Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf.  
Hongkong, July 13, 1878.

## NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, IN LIQUIDATION.

A FIFTH RETURN OF CAPITAL at the Rate of TWO AND ONE-HALF TABLES per SHARE will be made to Shareholders of Record on 6th July, Payable at the Office of the Liquidators, on MONDAY, the 15th July.

Warrants will then be delivered by the Undersigned to Shareholders, or their lawful representatives, on presentation of Share Certificates for Endorsement.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 6th to the 15th July, inclusive.

By Order,

RUSSELL & Co.,  
Liquidators.  
Shanghai, July 4, 1878. aub10

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"CHINA REVIEW."

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21 Tzu Kwei 論子規 Rules for Sons

and Younger Brothers.

Short Notices of New Books and Literary Intelligence.

Notes and Queries—

In Memoriam.

Wer's Yat and Shoo Historical Persons.

Whitewind at Canton.

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Hongkong, July 5, 1878.

## Mails.

## Occidental &amp; Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

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THE S. S. "OCEANIC" will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on TUESDAY, the 6th August, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 5th August. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day: all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PASSENGER TICKETS.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.  
Hongkong, July 17, 1878. aub6

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## TEAM WORK

Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

Hongkong, October 27, 1878.

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THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Marine Department.

Policies issued at current rates payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.

Hongkong, October 14, 1868.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

Attention is invited to a considerable reduction in Premium for Life Insurance in China.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.

Hongkong, July 14, 1868.

J. Y. VERNON SHAW.

Hongkong, June 1, 1878.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

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Directors.

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JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

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If required, protection will be granted on first class LIVES up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.

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Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

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COMPANY.

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Hongkong, January 1, 1878.

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CAPITAL—Fully Paid-up..... £1,420,000

PERMANENT RESERVE..... £200,000

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Hongkong, May 10, 1878.

## Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commanding at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *a*, near the Kowloon shore *b*, and those in the body of the Harbour or midway between each shore are marked *c*, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.

1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.

6. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Pedder's Wharf.

2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.

7. From Pedder's Wharf to the Naval Yard.

3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.

8. From Harbour Master's to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.

4. From Harbour Master's to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.